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¶1. (C) China's full and effective implementation of UNSCR 1718 sanctions against the DPRK is especially important given China's P-5 status and its special relationship with the DPRK, Poloff stressed to MFA IO UN Division Director Yang Tao when delivering the United States' 1718 report and provisional list of luxury items on November 17.

¶2. (C) As President Hu Jintao and Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing told Secretary Rice, China will fully implement UNSCR 1718, Yang said. China has concerns about implementation guidelines and seeks to ensure the sanctions committee does not "exceed its mandate." China is open to proposed additions to the list related to dual-use technology for weapons of mass destruction but, "as a developing country that lacks expertise," needs "reasonable" time to study the list and implement the sanctions related to dual-use technology, Yang said. Emphasizing the importance of international cooperation to implement UNSCR 1718, Poloff rejected the notion that China lacks the expertise to move quickly, stressing the need for prompt PRC action to fully implement 1718.
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